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FLOOR DEBATE

January 19, 2001 LB 36, 194

further lights on. Senator Thompson, did you wish to say anything in closing on the bill? Closing is waived. The question before the body is the advancement to E & R Initial of LB 36. Those in favor please vote aye, those opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 36.

SENATOR COORDSEN: LB 36 is advanced to E & R Initial. Next item, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next bill, LB 194, offered by Senator Dierks. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 4, referred to the Agriculture Committee, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill, Mr. President.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Dierks, to open on LB 194.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, LB 194 is a bill that was brought to me by the Nebraska Dairy Industry Development Board. It amends the Dairy Industry Development Act to essentially double the size of the existing board. The Nebraska Dairy Industry Development Act was enacted in 1992 in anticipation that the federal milk checkoff collected for milk promotion would be rescinded. It was rescinded in December of '98. Collection of the state dairy checkoff began the following month. Use of these funds is overseen by the Nebraska Dairy Industry Development Board. Nebraska law essentially dictates that the size of the board will correspond roughly with the number of producers. Current law provides that membership is roughly one member for every 100 producers. LB 197 (sic-194) would change that to roughly one member for every 50 producers. Because of the steady decline of milk producers, the board, which originally began in '92 with 14 members has now been reduced to 7 members, and it's believed that it will shrink down to maybe even 5 members with the new census of producers will be certified in June. With the change in LB 194, the board is expected to come back to a total of 12 or 13 members. The process for nominating and selecting board